

Iron County Register.

Southern Curiosities.

Mr. Wm. L. Smith, of Roane county, Tenn., raised this year a sweet potato that weighed 13 1/2 pounds.

A beet that weighed 19 1/2 pounds was left at the office of the Owenton (Kentucky) News the other day.

R. G. Grugin raised a beet on his place six miles from Frankfort, Ky., which weighed 14 1/2 pounds, and was 16 inches in length and 2 1/2 inches in circumference.

An attack of the Nashville American office was recently presented with an Irish potato resembling a human being, with two perfect legs and all its members complete.

Dr. Pulliam, of Mt. Zion, Ky., had a pumpkin vine on which there were 12 pumpkins, the largest of which weighed 70 pounds and the smallest 25, the whole filling a two-horse wagon-bed.

"Uncle" Joe Wieher, living in the neighborhood of Warsaw, Ky., has a cabbage that measures 75 inches in circumference, and is three feet seven inches high—and is not fully matured yet.

A sweet potato has been on exhibition in Bentonville, Ark., which weighed 12 pounds when first dug and cleaned. There were five others in the hill, and the half dozen weighed 27 pounds. They were grown in a garden near Bentonville.

An apple that grew on a tree of the Milan variety (which tree stood near a Golden Russett) in the orchard of Gen. J. W. Finnell, of Sunny Side, Ky., was quite a curiosity. One-half of it, next the stem, was distinctly marked in size and color (red) as a Milan, while the other half had the distinctive marks of a Golden Russett.

The editor of the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune was recently shown a singular fruit which grew in West Tampa. In shape it was like a lemon, but the rind, in appearance and thickness, resembled that of a shaddock. The inside was white like a lemon and the juice like acid. The tree which produced this fruit came from the seed of a pink shaddock. The specimen shown was two feet three inches in circumference, and weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

More About Lucy.

One evening Lucy's young man did not keep his engagement to come and help her hold down the sofa, and she was very angry, because the young man generally brought along a box of candy, and Lucy could make it look tired about as easily as any girl in town.

She sat down at the piano and began to sing. After she had given the folks a sample of "When the Roses Bloom Again," "Only a Pansy Flower," "Empty is the Cradle," and a few other gems of melody that would make a man feel like committing murder, her father said that perhaps she had better quit, as he didn't care about having the patrol wagon making useless trips on such a cold night.

Lucy made no reply to this remark of her father's, but only slammed her music down pretty hard, probably to show what she could do in case she should ever get real hot. Then she began to play the piano, starting in with "The Battle of Prague." When she had finished the piece, her papa went across the room to where his oldest son was sitting, and handed him \$50.

"Why, papa," said Lucy, "what are you giving James all that money for?" "Your brother bet me \$50," he replied, "that you would knock out the piano in the first round, and I am giving up the boodle." Then Lucy began to cry, and said that her father and brother were nasty horrid things. But they only laughed at her, and when she had gone up stairs, her papa said to James: "Let us open a new bottle."

Men are very curious creatures, children they frequently open a small bottle, and then go home and tell their wives that times are too hard to buy a new bonnet. But sometimes these men lose their grip, and turn up about thirteen or fourteen o'clock at night, having had to hire a hack to get home in, and then somebody gets a sealskin saque.

I think it serves the right. Don't you agree with me, children?—Chicago Tribune.

Some Noteworthy Trees.

An elm near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., is 105 feet in diameter from tip to tip of its branches, and 329 feet in circumference.

George H. Cook, of Lancaster, Pa., has a pear tree in his yard which recently had ripe fruit and blossoms on its branches at the same time.

A Pennsylvania walnut tree that was hollow and nine feet in diameter was sawed down lately, and the stump is used as a pen for a number of hogs.

A cherry tree in Carter county, Ky., is thirteen and a half feet in circumference and sixty feet high, and its branches shade a plot forty-three feet across.

Near the Fair street depot, Kingstone, N. Y., is a grand old elm. It is of bouquet shape, and during the present season over 200 birds built nests in its branches.

At the mouth of Grassy Run, in Springhill township, Pa., there stood a sycamore tree that was hollow at the butt, and Joshua Brooks used it as a stable for his horse.

In Greene county, Miss., is a double pine tree which has two distinct trunks 20 feet apart, uniting 30 feet above the ground, forming at that point one solid trunk, round and symmetrical.

A tree recently cut in Mexico, Mo., measured nine feet through, near the ground, and was 110 feet high. The first limb grew out at a height of 30 feet from the roots. The tree was at least 300 years old.

Three Alligators.

AN ALLIGATOR KILLED WITH A PENKNIFE. The Appalachicola (Fla.) Tribune says that a short while ago Mr. Hartman, of that place, killed a nine-foot alligator with a pocket knife. His gatorship got cooped by a seine at Indian Pass and refused to be harpooned. Mr. Hartman had a dinky oared along-side the saurian and proceeded to cut his throat with a pocket knife.

AN ALLIGATOR'S SAUSAGE SUPPER. A few nights ago, says the Savannah (Ga.) News, Mr. Joe Garrett was coon hunting in

the river swamp, near Bullock's bridge. His big dog went to cross the river, when he was seized by an alligator. A desperate fight followed and great stir in the water, but the poor dog was overmatched and went under the water to rise no more. The people in the neighborhood are excited over the appearance of the strange monster, and coon hunters will keep a sharp eye in the future.

A MAN KILLED BY AN ALLIGATOR.

Mr. Sanobal, a Cuban, residing near Lake Hickpochee, in Georgia, discovered the other week a monster alligator lying on Mud Point some sixty feet from the water and apparently asleep. Mr. Sanobal perceiving that it would be a great prize to capture the saurian, for he was fully 22 feet long, began building a stockade about him. He had completed the work and was putting up some braces when the alligator climbed up on the stockade unnoticed, reached his tail over and struck Mr. Sanobal a fearful blow across his throat, killing him almost instantly.

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And soon decide his fate;

While many facts behind them,

With prying eyes to find them,

Would hurt the candidate.

He is not a candidate!

His cash accumulation

Is better than the station

Of a beaten candidate.

No matter how he gained it—

Perhaps the heavens rained it—

It left him rich and great;

So he, a man equanimous,

Declares with voice unanimous

That he's not a candidate.

He is not a candidate!

The strongest mind it staggers

When men with clubs and daggers

Pursue a candidate;

When eager huntsmen hunt him,

With his record to confront him.

Or darkly lie in wait;

'Tis then that calm discretion

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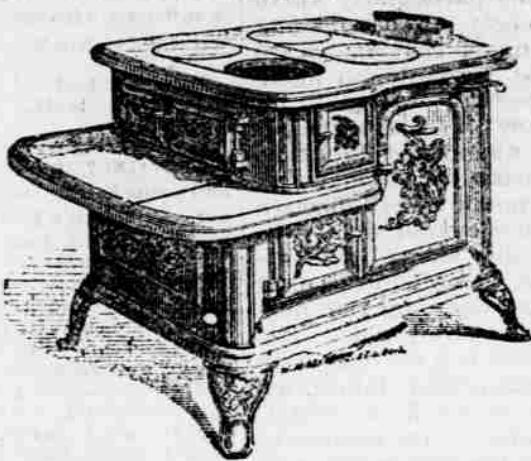
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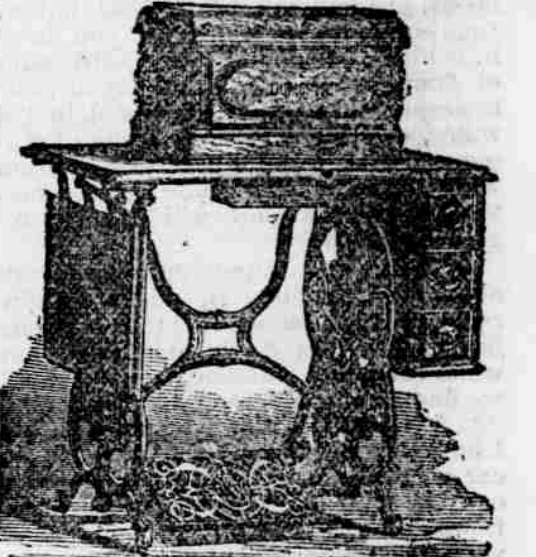
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